

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the American Gaming Association (AGA), I'm writing to urge you to cosponsor the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act - S. 1529 introduced by Senators Booker (D-NJ) and Kennedy (R-LA) or H.R. 2742, led by Reps. Don Bacon (R-NE-2) and Andrea Salinas, (D-OR-6).

The AGA is the premier national trade group representing the \$261 billion U.S. casino industry, which supports 1.8 million jobs across the country. Our membership consists of more than 70 commercial and tribal casino operators, U.S.-licensed gaming suppliers and equipment manufacturers, sports wagering operators, financial institutions, and other key stakeholders in the gaming industry. Our industry is one of the most highly regulated in the country with oversight provided at every level by federal, state, and tribal agencies. Our members uphold the highest standards of consumer protection and responsible gaming, while providing significant contributions to our communities.

One of the AGA's chief priorities is combatting the illegal gambling market. These illegal operations fail to provide consumer protections and responsible gambling resources and rob all levels of government of significant tax revenue. Moreover, illegal gambling operations provide an easy avenue for money laundering, and the proceeds generated through these operations are often used to facilitate other serious forms of crime. These illegal operations also offer wagers on activities that are themselves illegal – namely dogfighting and cockfighting. We are deeply concerned about the proliferation of betting on animal fights on the web, and support efforts to interdict these crimes.

In addition to breaking American tax, money laundering and cyber security laws these illegal operators also disregard federal and state laws that forbid animal fighting. The very point of animal fighting is to cause direct harm to animals for the amusement and illegal wagering of spectators and other followers. The AGA opposes this appalling cruelty.

The AGA is one of more than 100 organizations supporting the FIGHT Act, and we are proud to join law enforcement, animal welfare, and agriculture organizations in endorsing it. Again, I urge you to cosponsor S. 1529/H.R. 2742. If you have any questions our vice president for government affairs Alex Costello ([acostello@americangaming.org](mailto:acostello@americangaming.org)) would be happy to help you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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